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To promote the fulfillment of basic unmet needs and to protect certain basic economic rights of the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Dellums (for himself, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Evans, Mr. Rangel, Mr. Owens, Mr. Lewis of Georgia, Mr. Conyers, Ms. Norton, Ms. Velázquez, Mr. Towns, Mr. Nadler, and Mr. Bonior) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor, Foreign Affairs, Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, Government Operations, Armed Services, and Ways and Means

A BILL

To promote the fulfillment of basic unmet needs and to protect certain basic economic rights of the people of the United States, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "A
- 5 Living Wage, Jobs For All Act''.
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents is
- 7 as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Basic economic rights and responsibilities under the 1944 "Economic Bill of Rights".
- Sec. 3. Program to implement basic economic rights and responsibilities.
- Sec. 4. Grants and incentives to States and local governments to encourage public works and public services planning.
- Sec. 5. International economic policy to increase worldwide living standards.
- Sec. 6. Establishment of conversion planning fund.
- Sec. 7. Implementation.
- Sec. 8. Authorization of appropriations.

SEC. 2. BASIC ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2 UNDER THE 1944 "ECONOMIC BILL OF
- 3 **RIGHTS**".
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Congress affirms the respon-
- 5 sibility of the Federal government to implement and, in
- 6 accordance with current and foreseeable trends, update
- 7 and extend, in accordance with subsection (b), the state-
- 8 ment by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the State of
- 9 the Union message of January 11, 1944: "In our days
- 10 these economic truths have become self-evident. We have
- 11 accepted so to speak a second Bill of Rights under which
- 12 a new basis of security and prosperity can be established
- 13 for all—regardless of station, rank or creed. Among these
- 14 are the following:
- 15 "(1) The right to a useful and remunerative job
- in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the
- 17 Nation.
- 18 "(2) The right to earn enough to provide for an
- 19 adequate living.

1	"(3) The right of every farmer to raise and sell
2	farm products at a return which will provide a de-
3	cent family living.
4	"(4) The right of every business, large or small,
5	to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair
6	competition and domination by monopolies at home
7	or abroad.
8	"(5) The right of every family to a decent
9	home.
10	"(6) The right to adequate medical care and
11	the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.
12	"(7) The right to adequate protection from the
13	economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and un-
14	employment.
15	"(8) The right to a good education.".
16	(b) Update and Extension of Bill of Rights.—
17	In updating and extending the 1944 "Economic Bill of
18	Rights" described in subsection (a), the following require-
19	ments should be met:
20	(1) Every adult American able and willing to
21	earn a living through paid work has the right to a
22	free choice among opportunities for useful and pro-
23	ductive paid employment (part- or full-time) at de-

cent real wages or for self- employment.

1	(2) Every adult American unable to work for
2	pay or find employment has the right to an adequate
3	standard of living that rises with increases in the
4	wealth and productivity of the society.
5	(c) Responsibility of Federal Government.—
6	Each Federal agency and commission, including the Board
7	of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, has the re-
8	sponsibility to plan and carry out its policies, programs,
9	projects, and budgets in a manner designed to help estab-
10	lish and maintain conditions under which all adult Ameri-
11	cans may freely exercise the economic rights described in
12	subsection (a). Each such Federal agency or commission
13	shall not directly or indirectly promote recession, stagna-
14	tion, or unemployment as a means of reducing wages and
15	salaries or inflation.
16	SEC. 3. PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT BASIC ECONOMIC
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19 20 21	 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.— (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish a program to implement the basic economic rights and responsibilities described in section 2 in the

- (2) POLICIES AND PROJECTS UNDER THE PRO-GRAM.—Such program shall include policies and projects designed to—
 - (A) implement the economic and social obligations under the Employment Act of 1946, the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Organization of American States, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;
 - (B) provide quick action to enlarge employment opportunities through reductions in real interest rates, and implement programs of private and public works and services to use the abilities of the jobless in repairing and improving the Nation's infrastructure of private industry, public facilities, and human services, with special emphasis on the availability of good and affordable education, health promotion services, housing, child care, artistic cultural activities, and basic as well as applied research and development;
 - (C) provide quick action to begin staged reductions in the length of the work year

through longer paid vacations, the elimination of compulsory overtime, curbing excessive overtime through an increase in the premium to triple time on all hours in excess of 40 in any week, exempting administrative, executive, and professional employees from the overtime premium only if their salary levels are three times the annual value of the minimum wage, reducing the average work week in manufacturing and mining to no more than 35 hours without any corresponding loss in weekly wages, and voluntary work-sharing arrangements;

- (D) vastly increase the opportunities for freely-chosen part-time employment, with social security and health benefits, to meet the needs of older people, students, the disabled, and people with housekeeping and child care responsibilities;
- (E) take such other steps as may be needed to cope with the threats of increased joblessness caused by technologies that replace people with robots and other machines, including vastly improved opportunities for up-to-date and effective education, training, or retraining;

- (F) prevent or control inflationary tendencies through a full battery of standby policies, including public controls over price fixing through monopolistic practices or restraint of trade, the promotion of competition and productivity, and wage-price policies arrived at through tripartite business-labor-government cooperation;
 - (G) provide improved Federal incentives for investment, expansion, and increased employment by small, medium, and large business enterprises, and by such other private sector entities as labor unions, professional associations, and nonprofit, voluntary and cooperative organizations, including neighborhood, tenant, home owner and self-help associations and organizations of family farmers, women, minorities, and the unemployed;
 - (H) promote conditions for increased selfempowerment by individuals victimized by discrimination in hiring, training, wages, salaries, fringe benefits or promotion on the basis of prejudice concerning race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions, national origin, property, birth or other status, station in

1	life, political or sexual orientation, or persona
2	disability;
3	(I) through these and other activities work
4	toward reducing, not later than three years
5	after the date of the enactment of this Act, offi-
6	cially measured unemployment to the interim
7	goal of 4 percent, as set forth in the Full Em-
8	ployment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978;
9	(J) achieve American leadership in goods
10	production through such specific innovations
11	as—
12	(i) agricultural systems geared to de-
13	livering the kinds and quantities of food
14	needed to abolish hunger and malnutrition
15	in the world and the kinds and quantities
16	of fiber needed for adequate clothing in al
17	climates;
18	(ii) more efficient transportation
19	(such as railroads, buses, trolley cars, and
20	subways) and passenger cars that are
21	safer, pollute less, and are more efficient
22	than cars currently produced;
23	(iii) exportable housing modules that
24	include communication, weatherization

lighting, plumbing, heating, cooking, and
washing equipment;
3 (iv) the mining of urban regions for
4 the enormous amount of valuable materials
5 that can be recovered through the inte-
6 grated recycling of liquid, gaseous, and
7 solid wastes; and
8 (v) improved software needed for
9 supercomputers for the purpose of estab-
lo lishing and maintaining an information
highway available to all educational institu-
tions and individuals at all levels of in-
come, wealth, and power; and
(K) develop American leadership in the
provision of services through such specific inno-
vations as—
(i) educational systems based on add-
ing an "r" for reasoning and an "r" for
responsibility to the traditional "reading,
20 'riting, and 'rithmetic'';
(ii) health services oriented not only
toward better disease treatment but also
the promotion of well-being as the best
form of preventing disease and disability,
extending the life span, and providing the

1	elderly not only with medical and other
2	health services but with opportunities to
3	make productive use of their experience,
4	knowledge, wisdom, and skills;
5	(iii) child care systems dedicated to
6	excellence through staffs composed of three
7	generations of both men and women; and
8	(iv) training and financing facilities to
9	help small and medium-sized enterprises
10	develop efficient systems for the repair or
11	updating of broken or obsolete equipment
12	now lying idle throughout the Nation.
13	(b) Inclusion of Program in Annual Submis-
14	SION OF BUDGET.—Section 1105(a) of title 31, United
15	States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
16	ing new paragraph:
17	"(30) beginning with fiscal year 1995, a de-
18	scription of the program to implement basic eco-
19	nomic rights and responsibilities in the United
20	States as provided for in section 3(a) of the A Liv-
21	ing Wage, Jobs For All Act.".

1	SEC. 4. GRANTS AND INCENTIVES TO STATES AND LOCAL
2	GOVERNMENTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC
3	WORKS AND PUBLIC SERVICES PLANNING.
4	(a) AUTHORIZATION.—In order to implement the
5	basic economic rights and responsibilities described in sec-
6	tion 2, the Secretary of Labor may provide grants and
7	other incentives to States and local governments to en-
8	courage short- and long-term public works and public serv-
9	ices planning in urban, suburban, and rural areas.
10	(b) Application.—
11	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide a
12	grant or other incentive under subsection (a) to a
13	State or local government only if such State or local
14	government submits an application at such time, in
15	such form, and containing such information as the
16	Secretary may reasonably require.
17	(2) CONTENTS.—Such application shall include
18	a strategic and tactical plan that—
19	(A) focuses on projects—
20	(i) to improve the quality of life for all
21	people in such State or jurisdiction of local
22	government, as the case may be;
23	(ii) to renovate, and to the extent de-
24	sirable, enlarge, the decaying infrastruc-
25	ture of public facilities and services re-

1	quired for productive, efficient, and profit-
2	able enterprise;
3	(iii) to utilize wasted labor power and
4	improve the productivity of those suffering
5	from joblessness and poverty; and
6	(iv) that are, for the most part, con-
7	ducted under contracts awarded competi-
8	tively to smaller as well as larger busi-
9	nesses or such other private sector entities
10	as non-profit enterprises, cooperatives,
11	labor unions, neighborhood corporations, or
12	voluntary associations,
13	(B) includes a balanced combination of
14	capital intensive projects, which promote more
15	off-site employment in basic industries, and
16	labor intensive projects, which provide for more
17	on-site employment, through such valuable ac-
18	tivities as the clean-up, conservation, restora-
19	tion, or rehabilitation of buildings, grounds, and
20	land, water and forest resources;
21	(C) provides for accelerated implementa-
22	tion of such projects to help meet the varying
23	employment needs of those people who have
24	been victimized by long-term unemployment, re-

cession, plant closings, agricultural decline, em-

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ployment discrimination, or inadequate education or training by implementing activities such as project analyses, feasibility and costbenefit studies, zoning, land acquisition, or site preparation;

- (D) provides for systematic on-the-job training, including additional classroom education, as necessary, for individuals described in subparagraph (C), together with appropriate priorities for employing the poor, unemployed, or displaced living in the immediate neighborhood of any project;
- (E) includes action to obtain necessary funds from various combinations of private, local, and State resources without undue reliance on Federal funding; and
- (F) places all projects in the perspective of publicly discussed goals for improving the quality of life in the United States by the year 2000 and the early years of the 21st Century.

21 SEC. 5. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY TO INCREASE

22 **WORLDWIDE LIVING STANDARDS.**

23 (a) POLICY STATEMENT.—To protect employment, 24 wage levels, living standards and private industry in the 25 United States and elsewhere, it shall be the policy of the

- 1 Federal government to cooperate with the governments of
- 2 other countries and with the United Nations to help de-
- 3 velop an international community based on rising living
- 4 standards, particularly for those people with the lowest
- 5 levels of income, wealth, access to public facilities, free
- 6 trade union organization, and political power.
- 7 (b) Review of Certain Provisions of Law and
- 8 REGULATIONS.—
- 9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting
- through the appropriate Federal agencies, shall re-
- view all provisions of Federal law, including regula-
- tions issued under such provisions, that interfere
- with the implementation of the policy described in
- subsection (a).
- 15 (2) Submission of proposed changes in
- PROVISIONS OF LAW AND REGULATION TO THE CON-
- 17 GRESS.—The President shall submit to the Congress
- proposed changes, if any, in the provisions of law
- and regulations described in paragraph (1) for the
- 20 purpose of implementing the policy described in sub-
- 21 section (a).
- 22 (3) Considerations.—In reviewing the provi-
- sions of law and regulations under paragraph (1),
- and submitting proposed changes in such provisions
- of law and regulations under paragraph (2), the

1 President shall consider the extent to which actions
2 can be taken to—
3 (A) reduce unemployment and
4 underemployment in pre-industrial and indus-
5 trializing countries by increasing opportunities
for productive paid work and non-wage work
7 (such as self-employment, parenting, household
8 work, and volunteering) at higher and steadier
9 levels of real income without reducing general
levels of employment in the United States;
(B) promote higher levels of wages and
salaries in such countries as will provide larger
markets for their own industries and for ex-
ports of goods and services from the United
States;
(C) withdraw Federal incentives, guaran-
tees, and tax concessions from any United
8 States-based transnational corporation whose
operations in pre-industrial or industrializing
countries may directly undermine the standard
of living or deny to employees the rights of free
collective bargaining; and
(D) reduce trade barriers without reducing
general levels of employment in the United

States.

1	(c) Contributions by United States to Certain
2	International Financial Institutions Contingent
3	Upon Development and Implementation of Cer-
4	TAIN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.—Notwithstanding any
5	other provision of law, amounts appropriated for the pur-
6	pose of making contributions to the International Mone-
7	tary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction
8	and Development may be provided to such Fund or Bank
9	only if such Fund or Bank, as the case may be, has devel-
10	oped and implemented such policies and procedures that
11	will—
12	(1) raise the standard of living in countries re-
13	ceiving any financial assistance from such Fund or
14	Bank, as the case may be, rather than impose aus-
15	terity; and
16	(2) contribute to the economic viability, credit
17	worthiness, and the ability to import goods and serv-
18	ices into such countries from the United States.
19	(d) International and Regional Conferences
20	TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT.—Not later than 90 days
21	after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
22	dent—
23	(1) shall instruct the United States representa-
24	tive to the United Nations to propose to the United
25	Nations the prompt beginning of a series of inter-

- 1 national and regional conferences on alternative
- 2 methods of planning for the reduction of involuntary
- 3 unemployment; and
- 4 (2) shall, acting through the Secretary of
- 5 Labor, promote the convening in the United States
- 6 or elsewhere of international and regional con-
- 7 ferences on coping with unemployment and
- 8 underemployment and moving toward fuller employ-
- 9 ment in the world.
- 10 In carrying out paragraph (2), the Secretary of Labor
- 11 shall provide financial and technical assistance to orga-
- 12 nized labor and cooperative, community, non-profit and
- 13 voluntary organizations, with priority for widespread com-
- 14 munication on how best to control facility closings and
- 15 capital flight by large businesses and to facilitate
- 16 transnational labor organizations and collective bargain-
- 17 ing.
- 18 SEC. 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF CONVERSION PLANNING
- 19 **FUND**.
- 20 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the annual message of the
- 21 President to the Congress at the beginning of the first
- 22 session of the Congress after the date of the enactment
- 23 of this Act, the President shall include a specific proposal
- 24 for the establishment of a Conversion Planning Fund (in
- 25 this section referred to as the "Fund") to be administered

- 1 by such Federal agencies as the President may recommend
- 2 and as shall be determined by law.
- 3 (b) DUTIES.—The Fund shall promote and activate
- 4 short- and long-term plans for coping with declines in ci-
- 5 vilian or military activities by developing specific policies,
- 6 programs, and projects (including feasibility studies, edu-
- 7 cation, training, and inducements for whatever increased
- 8 labor mobility may be necessary or desirable) for the ex-
- 9 pansion of economic activities in sectors where additional
- 10 or improved goods or services are needed.
- 11 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
- 12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts de-
- scribed in paragraph (2), there are authorized to be
- appropriated to carry out this section such sums as
- may be necessary.
- 16 (2) Availability of defense funds.—Of
- the amounts appropriated pursuant to the authoriza-
- tions of appropriations contained in each Act au-
- thorizing appropriations for a fiscal year for military
- activities of the Department of Defense, the Sec-
- 21 retary of Defense shall transfer 1 percent of such
- amounts to the Fund for the purpose of carrying out
- this section.
- 24 SEC. 7. IMPLEMENTATION.
- 25 (a) IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE.—

1	(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish
2	an annual schedule for the purpose of implementing
3	this Act. Such schedule shall include recommenda-
4	tions for—
5	(A) a restructuring of Federal budget pri-
6	orities to provide for—
7	(i) reductions in wasteful or unneces-
8	sary military expenditures;
9	(ii) increased Federal revenues
10	through reducing or eliminating wasteful
11	tax expenditures and other loopholes in the
12	tax laws;
13	(iii) reducing the interest on the Fed-
14	eral debt by reductions in both Federal
15	deficits and real interest rates;
16	(iv) the appropriate use of public and
17	private pension funds to help attain the in-
18	vestment, output, and employment goals of
19	this Act; and
20	(v) the promotion or creation of pri-
21	vate and public development banks in
22	urban and agricultural areas of high job-
23	lessness and poverty; and
24	(B) the promotion of educational activities
25	within each State on locally-based over-all plan-

1	ning, with special attention to educational proc-
2	esses that promote and use the creative abilities
3	of small, medium, and large business enter-
4	prises, and by such other private sector entities
5	as labor unions, professional associations and
6	non-profit, voluntary and cooperative organiza-
7	tions, including neighborhood, tenant, home
8	owner and self-help associations and organiza-
9	tions of the unemployed.
10	(2) Inclusion of implementation sched-
11	ULE IN PRESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC REPORT.—Section
12	3(a) of the Employment Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C.
13	1022(a)) is amended—
14	(A) in paragraph (3), by striking "; and
15	and inserting a semicolon;
16	(B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
17	riod at the end and inserting "; and and
18	(C) by adding at the end the following new
19	paragraph:
20	"(5) beginning with fiscal year 1995, the an-
21	nual implementation schedule established under sec-
22	tion 7(a)(1) of the A Living Wage, Jobs For Al
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(b) Oversight by Joint Economic Committee.— 1 Section 11(b) of the Employment Act of 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1024(b)) is amended— 3 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking "; and" and 4 5 inserting a semicolon; (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at 6 the end and inserting "; and" and 7 (3) by adding at the end the following new 8 paragraph: 9 "(4) beginning with fiscal year 1995, to mon-10 11 itor actions taken or proposed to be taken under the 12 A Living Wage, Jobs For All Act and report its conclusions thereon to the Congress and the American 13 14 people, with special attention to the extent to which 15 the Federal agencies have successfully carried out the provisions of such Act.". 16 17 (c) BUDGETS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all budgetary data for specific programs, whether 18 in budget messages and resolutions or in legislative authorizations and appropriations, shall include or be accompanied by descriptive evaluations and quantitative estimates (including monetary quantities) of the direct and 23 indirect impacts on—

1	(1) gross outlays and net outlays calculated in
2	terms of estimates on whatever consequences addi-
3	tional paid employment may have on—
4	(A) reducing outlays by reducing the num-
5	ber of people receiving unemployment com-
6	pensation, public assistance, and other transfer
7	payments (without necessarily including re-
8	duced outlays resulting from improvements in
9	public health and safety); and
10	(B) increasing tax receipts as a result of
11	more people earning income subject to social se-
12	curity and income taxes and more business en-
13	terprises earning the larger, more stable and
14	less subsidized total profits possible under con-
15	ditions of full employment; and
16	(2) benefits that may be conferred or costs im-
17	posed on various groups or persons in society.
18	(d) Presidential Budget Messages.—All budget
19	messages from the President to the Congress shall be
20	based on policies and programs to reduce officially meas-
21	ured unemployment to the interim levels set forth in the
22	Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978 and
23	toward this end shall include—
24	(1) a total impact analysis on the direct and in-
25	direct consequences flowing from each over-all budg-

- 23 et for levels of employment, output and prices, and 1 2 on foreign trade, environmental quality, and the distribution of income and wealth: 3 (2) to facilitate State and local public works and public services planning under section 4, esti-5 6 mates of the direct and indirect flow of all Federal 7 outlays (including off-budget outlays) to each State and each district of the House of Representatives, 8
 - (3) a tax expenditure budget as defined in the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 but presented not only in a separately published special analysis but also—
 - (A) incorporated into the general revenue provisions of the budget; and
 - (B) accompanied by estimates of the benefits sought and thus far obtained by such planned losses of tax revenue;
 - (4) a zero-based budgetary review of every program involving more than \$100,000,000 in gross outlays;
 - (5) such full distinctions between operating and investment outlays as regularly appear in the budgets of business organizations and local and State governments;

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1	(6) a wealth inventory providing information on
2	recent and prospective changes in the type and esti-
3	mated value of—
4	(A) assets owned by local and State gov-
5	ernments and the Federal government;
6	(B) personal wealth; and
7	(C) the country's net stock of both repro-
8	ducible and non-reproducible tangible wealth;
9	and
10	(7) the expression of any debt and deficit data
11	in constant as well as current dollars.
12	SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.
13	There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
14	as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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